And, I am only mentioning what the Centre is giving; that is, over Rs. 3,500 crores per year to the State Governments. This is the third year and over Rs. 10,000 crores have been given by this Government for this type of development. Then, as regards encroachments, while on the one side, we are doing development of roads in a massive, unprecedented manner, we have also to take into consideration the various problems that are arising; say, the problems pertaining to the development of four-lane roads. A major construction work is going on; but there are problems. We all know that whenever we make a big road or a bypass, before the work is completed, it becomes a narrow road because of encroachments. At the moment, we have some provisions in the Cr. P.C. and the Indian Penal Code, by which we can prevent encroachments; so, in direct manner, we can prevent encroachments and clear them. Therefore, this legislation, which is coming up, is to ensure that we have a proper system under the authority of the Central Government to see that encroachments are prevented. So, if there are encroachments, then, there would be a method of removing them, and should anybody have any complaint, there is a tribunal to which it can be referred. Therefore, I want to assure the hon. Member that we are not only talking of construction of roads, but we are also making sure that these roads are free from encroachment and that they meet the requirements for which they have been constructed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Guidelines for packaging products

*264. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have laid down guidelines for packaging of specific weight/volume for various edibles/food products/ medicines/other products being marketed in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, product-wise;

(c) whether there is any machinery to monitor adherance to these guidelines by various manufacturers; and

(d) if not, the action taken/contemplated against those flouting such norms during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The third Schedule of the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 requires packing of certain commodities including food products in such quantities by weight, measure or number as specified therein. A copy of the schedule is annexed as Statement. (*See* below) In respect of Drugs, provisions are contained in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules made thereunder.

(c) and (d) The Rules are enforced by the enforcement machinery in the States and Union Territories. Prosecutions are launched against those violating the provisions of the Rules.

Statement

The third schedule of the standards of weights and measures (packaged commodities) Rules, 1977

THE THIRD SCHEDULE

(*See* rule 5)

Commodities to be packed in specified quantities

The following commodities shall be packed in such quantities by weight, measure or number as are specified in the corresponding entries against them.

Sl. No.	Commodities	Quantities in which to be packed	
1	2	3	
1.	Baby Food	200g, 500g, 1 kg., 2 kg., 5kg. and 10kg.	Any manufacturer or packer packing baby food in 400g and weaning food in 500g shall not be allowed to do so beyond 180 days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.
2.	Weaning food	200g, 400g, 1 kg., 2 kg., 5kg. and 10kg.	

1	2	3
3.	Biscuits	25g, 50g, 75g, 100g, 150g, 200g, 250g, 300g and thereafter in multiples of 100g up to 1kg.
4.	Bread including brown bread but excluding bun	100g and thereafter in multiples of 100g.
5.	Un-canned packages of butter and margarine	25g, 50g, 100g, 200g, 500g, 1kg, 2kg, 5kg and thereafter in multiples of 5kg.
6.	Cereals and Pulses	100g, 200g, 500g, 1kg, 2kg, 5kg and thereafter in multiples of 5 kg
7.	Coffee	25g, 50g, 100g, 200g, 500g, 1kg and thereafter in multiples of 1 kg.
8.	Tea	25g, 50g, 100g, 250g, 500g, 1kg and thereafter in multiples of 1 kg.
9.	Materials which may be reconstituted as beverages	25g, 50g, 100g, 200g, 500g, 1kg and thereafter in multiples of 1 kg.
10.	Edible Oils, Vanaspati, ghee, butter oil	50g, 100g, 200g, 500g, 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 5kg and thereafter in multiples of 5 kg. If net quantity is declared by volume the same number in milliliters or liters, as the case may be. If the net quantity is declared by volume, then the equivalent quantity in terms of mass to be declared in brackets in same size of letters/numerals.
11.	Deleted	
12.	Milk Powder	Below 50g no restriction, 50g, 100g, 200g, 500g, 1kg and thereafter in multiples of 500g.
13.	Omitted	
14.	Non-soapy detergents (powder)	Below 50g no restriction, 50g, 100g, 200g, 500g, 700g, 1 kg, 1.5kg, 2 kg and thereafter in multiples of 1 kg.
15.	Rice(powdered), flour, atta, rawa and suji	100g, 200g, 500g, 1kg, 2kg, 5kg and thereafter in multiples of 5 kg.

1	2	3
16.	Salt	Below 50g in multiples of 10g, 50g, 100g, 200g, 500g, 750g, 1kg, 2kg, 5kg and thereafter in multiples of 5 kg.
17.	Soaps	
	(a) Laundry Soap	50g, 75g, 100g, and thereafter in multiples of 50g.
	(b) Non-soapy detergent cakes/bars.	50g, 75g, 100g, 125g, 150g, 200g, 250g, 300g and thereafter in multiples of 100g.
	(c) Toilet Soap including all kinds of bath soap (cakes)	25g, 50g, 75g, 100g, 125g, 150g and thereafter in multiples of 50g.
18.	Aerated soft drinks, non-alcoholic beverages	100ml, 150ml, 200ml, 250ml, 300ml, 330ml (in cans only) 500ml, 750ml, 1litre, 1.5 litre, 2 litre, 3 litre, 4 litre and 5 litre.
18(A)	Mineral water and drinking water	100ml, 130ml*, 150ml, 200ml, 250ml, 300ml, 330ml*, 500ml, 600ml*, 750ml, 1litre, 1.2 litre*, 1.5 litre, 2 litre, 3 litre, 4 litre and 5 litre.
	[* The sizes 130 ml, 330ml, 600ml and 1.2 litre shall be allowed only for a period of 3 years from the date of notification].	
19.	Cement in bags	1 kg, 2kg, 5kg, 10kg, 20kg, 25kg and 50kg.
20.	Paint varnish etc.	
	(a) Paint (other than paste paint or solid paint) varnish, varnish stains, enamels.	50ml, 100ml, 200ml, 500ml, 1litre, 2 litre, 3 litre, 4 litre, 5 litre and thereafter in multiples of 5 litre.
	(b) Paste paint and solid paint	500g, 1kg, 1.5g, 2kg, 3kg, 5kg, 7kg and thereafter in multiples of 5kg.

Small Industries Sector in Tamil Nadu

*265. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a small industries sector policy was announced in August, 2000; and

(b) if so, the details or the proposals implemented in Tamil Nadu since the announcement of the policy?